

Westwood Environmental Advisory Committee

Monday June 18, 2012

Approved Minutes



Attending: Christine Blaney, Gregory Mountain (*Sec 'ty*),
Connor Odell, Michael Pessalano,
Michael Ruane (*Chair*)

Regrets: Chris Balfe, Kevin Brennan,
Yash Risbud, John Sciara

Ruane called mtg to order at 7:40pm
Minutes of previous mtg approved + seconded

Pride Day 2012 Recap (Blaney)

Rain Barrel info + sign-up attracted many visitors, tho' a better location would've helped
got 15-20 signatures / emails
Odell provided a rain barrel + an informative poster re: its use + the workshop

Solar (Ruane)

DPW has installed 2 PV-powered trash bins/compactors on Westwood Ave
theory = devices signal when full, requiring fewer pickups
Green Team has information suggesting frequency of pickups thus far is unchanged

Rain Barrel Workshop (Ruane, Blaney)

June 28 6-8pm Community Center \$25

Sarah Mellor + 1 assistant (both from Rutgers) will run it
short information lecture followed by instructions for assembling rain barrels
they will bring 25 paintable plastic (hi-density polyethylene barrels) + all hardware + tools

NB: workshop open to Westwood residents only
advertising

Ruane will send flyer and info to Pascack Press, Community Life ± Bergen Record
flyers will be sent to the WW Library and WW webmaster; Facebook?

Biggest Loser project (Pessalano)

Pessalano looking into issues of legal concern in running this contest
Blaney pointed out this project could earn SustainableNJ points as a Ed/Outreach activity

Community Garden (Ruane)

good news - WW awarded the \$12K grant for garden at Westvale
funds will provide for plots, boxes, soil, mulch, fencing
Pessalano will locate + bring to EnCom the bylaws, etc. from a similar project in Harwich, MA

Green Team report (Blaney)

Gritman Park + Third Ave bank restorations have been completed
we need 256 more pts for next level SustainableNJ certification; topics to consider:
PV power booster for idling WW Police squad cars
Ruane to re-send tech specs to Blaney to forward to Green Team
improving town employee + resident energy conservation behavior
more CNG/electric vehicles

low volume toilets

police bicycles

Master Plan directly addressing Green/Sustainability actions + goal of zero carbon footprint

pesticide reduction list

Next mtg: Sept 17

Mtg. adjourned at 8:55pm